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SUMMARY

1. THE CROATIAN PRESS CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON THE PROPOSED LAW ON THE PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA, NOTING THAT PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF TV AND RADIO STATIONS WOULD BE PERMITTED IF THE LAW AS DRAFTED IS PASSED BY THE CROATIAN ASSEMBLY. SLOVENE DEFENSE MINISTER JANEZ JANSKA HAS PRAISED THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE UN FORCES, BUT ALSO CAUTIONED THAT JNA DEMOBILIZATION WOULD NOT END THE THREAT OF FUTURE JNA AGGRESSION. LOCAL CROATIAN
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OFFICIALS FROM AREAS AROUND KNIN HAVE DISCLOSED DETAILS OF ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF CROATS IN THAT REGION. THEY CLAIM THAT THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN FORCED FROM JOBS AND HOMES BY SERB CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS. LOOKING TOWARD RECONSTRUCTION, THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED A DELEGATION FROM THE WORLD BANK TO DISCUSS PRIVATIZATION AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT. END SUMMARY.

MORE ON THE NEW PRESS LAW

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2. IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE REPORTED YESTERDAY, THE NEW DRAFT LAW ON THE PRESS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ASSEMBLY ALLOWS PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF RADIO AND TV STATIONS. THE ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION, IGOR MRDOLJAS, EXPLAINED THAT THE PRIVATE BROADCAST MEDIA "WILL NOT COMPETE WITH THE STATE OWNED RADIO AND TV." ACCORDING TO MRDOLJAS, IT WILL BE A PARALLEL MODEL BASED ON THE SYSTEM USED IN ITALY.

13. THE PROPOSED NEW LAW ALSO CALLS FOR LARGE
FINANCIAL PENALTIES TO BE IMPOSED ON PUBLIC
OFFICIALS FOR NON-DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
TO JOURNALISTS.

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SLOVENE DEFENSE MINISTER WELCOMES THE ARRIVAL OF
THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES

14. DURING A MARCH 13 PRESS CONFERENCE IN
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LJUBLJANA, SLOVENE DEFENSE MINISTER JANEZ JANSKA
STATED THAT THE ARRIVAL OF UNPROFOR UNITS WILL
INCREASE THE SECURITY OF SLOVENE TERRITORY. THE
SLOVENE OFFICIAL SPECULATED THAT UN FORCES COULD
REMAIN IN YUGOSLAVIA SEVERAL YEARS AND OPINED THAT
THEIR DEPARTURE WILL DEPEND UPON THE OUTCOME OF
THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

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15. JANSKA EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM CONCERNING THE DEMOBILIZATION OF JNA SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF CROATIA. HE TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT THESE DEMOBILIZED UNITS COULD BE EASILY REACTIVATED, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE UN FORCES LEAVE THE TERRITORY. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNTS, JANSKA STATED THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION FOR GETTING THE JNA PERMANENTLY OUT OF B-H IS RECOGNITION. JANSKA EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT A COMPLETE JNA WITHDRAWAL FROM B-H WOULD HAVE A SALUTARY EFFECT ON THE SITUATION IN THE KNIN KRAJINA. JANSKA CLAIMED THAT THE SLOVENIAN SIDE HAD WARNED THE UN AND CARRINGTON THAT JNA DEMOBILIZATION WILL NOT ALLEVIATE THE THREAT OF FUTURE JNA AGGRESSION.

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CROATS THREATENED IN CROATIA

16. LOCAL CROATIAN OFFICIALS FROM OBROVAC AND BENKOVAC, TWO PREDOMINANTLY SERBIAN TOWNS NEAR KNIN, ADDRESSED A LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE CROATIAN ASSEMBLY. THEY DESCRIBED CRIMES WHICH HAD OCCURRED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR TO CROATS LIVING IN THE REGION. THEY ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO FORWARD THE DETAILS OF THESE CASES TO THE

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INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THE LOCAL OFFICIALS CRITICIZED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR NOT ACCEPTING THEIR INVITATIONS TO VISIT TOWNS AND VILLAGES UNDER JNA OCCUPATION WHERE CROATS ARE IN A MINORITY.

17. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIALS' REPORT, IN THE OBROVAC COMMUNITY, 11 PERSONS WERE KILLED, 10 CITIZENS WERE IMPRISONED AND 4 ARE STILL BEING HELD IN CUSTODY IN KNIN. ALL CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THOSE AND SURROUNDING TOWNS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AS WELL AS THE HOMES OF 800 FAMILIES. FROM THE OBROVAC COMMUNITY, OUT OF 3,640 CROATS, 3,430 HAVE BEEN EXPELLED. ONLY ONE CROATIAN WORKER IS EMPLOYED IN OBROVAC.

18. IN THE BENKOVAC COMMUNITY THE SITUATION IS EVEN WORSE. SINCE JULY 1991, 58 PERSONS OF CROATIAN NATIONALITY HAVE BEEN KILLED OR BEEN REPORTED MISSING. ALL OF THE HOUSES IN EIGHT VILLAGES IN THE BENKOVAC COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF THE BENKOVAC REGION, 10,000 CROATS HAVE BEEN EXPELLED. LOCAL CROATIAN OFFICIALS ALLEGE THAT

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SERBS FROM KNIN, SIBENIK AND SERBIA HAVE MOVED
INTO MANY OF THE ABANDONED HOUSES. BEFORE THE
WAR, 4,436 WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED IN THE BENKOVAC
COMMUNITY, OF WHICH 435 WERE CROATS. TODAY ONLY 7
CROATS ARE STILL WORKING THERE. CROAT LEADERS
CLAIM THAT THE OTHERS WERE DISMISSED FROM THEIR
JOBS AND THUS COMPELLED TO ABANDON THEIR PLACE OF
RESIDENCE.

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WORLD BANK DELEGATION VISITS ZAGREB

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19. THE CROATIAN DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, ZLATKO MALESA, RECEIVED ON MARCH 12 A DELEGATION FROM THE WORLD BANK. THE CROATIAN PRESS OF MARCH 13 REPORTED THAT THE DELEGATION MEMBERS EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN THE PRIVATIZATION PROCESS AND THE POSSIBILITIES AND CONDITIONS OF FOREIGN CAPITAL INVESTMENT. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BANK OFFERED TO SEND TWO EXPERTS TO CROATIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATION OF THE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.
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